**The June Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. held at Armstrong’s Restaurant.**

The Membership meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2023, by John Lasher, N3GLZ, vice-president. Seventeen members and three guests attended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s report was read by David Tanks, AD4TJ, and was approved. The first reading of Tom Whitehurst’s, KC5UN, membership application was made.

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary received one correction to the draft minutes concerning a missing letter of the president’s call sign. The minutes, as corrected, were accepted.

**ARES Report**

Emergency Coordinator, David Tanks, AD4TJ, announced that the Augusta County ARES net would be held on June 8 at 8 p.m. The frequency will be 146.850, tone 131.8. Martin Krupinski, KE4KEW, will be net control.

The Coordinator was able to visit three more schools that are designated emergency shelters to test the amateur radio antennas on site. Two of the schools were found to be operational, one was not. He is now determining what is needed to make the third school fully operational.

**Contests and Special Events**

It was mentioned that the June meeting was being held on the 79th Anniversary of D-Day.

The ARRL June VHF Contest will be held from 2 P.M (EDT) Saturday until 11 P.M. (EDT) Sunday night on bands 50 MHz and up.

On June 28, W5D, World War II Code Talkers Honored at Choctaw Youth Day Camp, will be on the air.

**Old Business**

The Vice-president discussed the preparations that have been made for Field Day. Preliminary set up for the event will begin at 9 A.M. (EDT) on Friday. A potluck dinner for Field Day volunteers will be held at 6 P.M. (EDT) that evening. The event starts at 2 P.M Saturday and will end at 1:59 P.M. on Sunday. The band plan and station location map are posted on the VARA website. The GOTA station will be located in the poultry barn.

As yet, there has been no response from MARA or PCARA on appointing committee members to help establish the David Fordham Memorial Service Award.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

As this month’s meeting was dedicated to discussion of Field Day preparations, there was no presentation made afterward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary

**REMINDERS:**

The VARA Christmas Party will be held at Golden Coral on December 5, starting at 5:30 pm.